

REMARKS

Prior to examination of this preliminary application, the applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above amendments and following remarks. By virtue of this preliminary amendment, claims 56-73 are pending, claims 1-55 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 56-73 have been added. Consideration and allowance of all of the claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-55 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, since canceled claims correspond to claims 1-55 in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/334,858, filed on June 16, 1999, and entitled "External Infusion Device with Remote Programming, Bolus Estimator and/or Vibration Alarm Capabilities," in which the applicants are pursuing the subject matter of canceled claims 1-55. Accordingly, claims 1-55 are not being cancelled for reasons of patentability, as described in the recent Festo case.

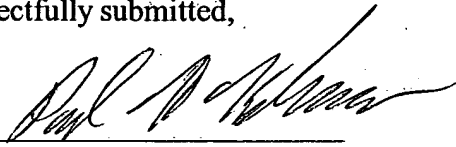
Claims 56-73 have been added by this amendment. No new matter has been added. Support for the new claims can be found on pages 9, 10, 12-19 and 25-38 of the instant application. It is respectfully submitted that claims 56-73 are in condition for allowance.

Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (818) 576-5313 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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